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In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2002, the period for response being until March 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below, and please accept the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 16 of the specification with the amended paragraph below. For the Examiner's convenience, a marked-up version of the amended paragraph is provided in Exhibit A.

[16] Also connected with the data bus 50 is an advanced cruise control system 80. These systems are well known in the art and are available from several different manufactures. One such system is manufactured by Eaton VORAD Technologies, and is